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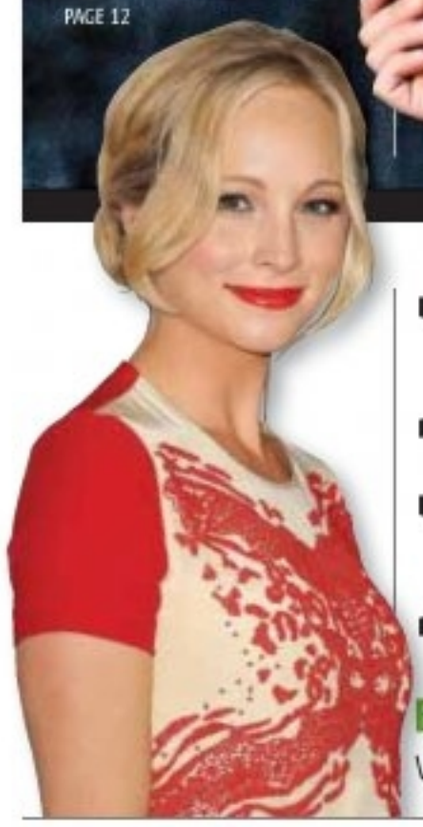
Elliot Madore, hockey player turned baritone, is the lead in Mozart's opera "Don Giovanni" at the Academy of Music, opening this weekend. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO



Philly principal has President Obama's ear

Brainstorming. Sharif El-Mekki is working with other school leaders to present their educational findings this week in D.C. to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as part of the Principal Ambassador Fellowship program. PAGE 02

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Principal's role is 'misunderstood'

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Sharif El-Mekki. The educator is gathering ideas to present to the White House.

Sharif El-Mekki brought a principal's empathy along with a twist of Philly attitude to Washington D.C.

The principal of Mastery Charter School's Shoemaker campus in West Philadelphia was chosen by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in December as one of three school heads to participate in the inaugural Principal Ambassador Fellowship (PAF) program. The role is to advise the Obama administration on education reform, offer feedback on the education system and offer suggestions on how to help foster community engagement and open clearer lines of communication.

El-Mekki and two other principals — from Chattanooga, Tenn., and Washington D.C. — have spoken to a combined 600 principals. They have a common gripe: "The role of the principal, I think, is misunderstood," he said.

Sharif El-Mekki
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"[We're trying to] develop a compelling narrative of just what the principal's role is," he added, "[such as] getting on the same page around what the principal's role looks like, what the assistant principal's role looks like, how does a pipeline of principals get developed ... and how can the federal government support states and districts developing principals."

On May 1, El-Mekki will attend a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House, where several teachers, principals and superintendents will be recognized.

Will he have the opportunity to show President Barack Obama some Philly love? "We'll see," he said.

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What is the future?

Spreading the charter model

As principal of a local charter school, El-Mekki discussed the idea of spreading that model throughout the country and dumping the public school system model.

"The [education] secretary has been pretty clear that he's interested in great options for families, and great schools regardless of the makeup," he said.

The group will present its findings to Duncan this week. Afterward, the group will have a year to help the department craft a new policy.

"And then implementation," El-Mekki said, "which is always the bigger, more challenging part, right?"

Happy 450th birthday, Billy Shakes!

Give and Take Juggler Nick Gregory performs at an event to celebrate William Shakespeare's 450th birthday at the Free Library on Wednesday. Inset, Brian McCann dressed as Shakespeare, reads a poem. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Claim. Teen pleads guilty to accidentally shooting best friend

A teenager who admitted to accidentally shooting and killing his best friend entered a guilty plea to charges of involuntary manslaughter on Wednesday.

Hector Echevarria, 19, softly said "guilty" at the hearing as family members looked on.

Echevarria is currently free on bail. He has taken full responsibility for the death of Bill Hopkins, 19, who was reportedly his best friend.

Echevarria was holding a shotgun on Jan. 21 inside his Olney home, which the two teenagers were examining when the gun accidentally went off, striking Hopkins in the stomach. Hopkins was pronounced dead shortly afterward.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 25.

Judge Benjamin Lerner told attorneys that he has "no idea" what Echevarria's sentence will be on the involuntary manslaughter charge. SAM NEWHOUSE

Accidental shooting

According to reports, Echevarria and Hopkins were close friends.

- Echevarria has said he removed shells from the gun before it went off.
- Prosecutors said there were three shells still in the gun when it fired.

Suicide before charges went public

Attorney at heart of alleged insurance fraud took own life

Personal injury lawyer Andrew Gaber, 52, committed suicide last week, days before District Attorney Seth Williams announced an indictment accusing the lawyer of leading an alleged insurance fraud scheme.

Andrew Gaber / D.A.'S OFFICE

"The family is devastated," said Mark Neff, Gaber's defense attorney and friend. "In terms of what brought this on, I don't think any of us really know that."

Williams said Wednesday that Gaber and 45 other individuals are charged with faking "slip-and-fall" accidents to defraud insurance companies of nearly $400,000. Several defendants were allegedly paid to feign injuries.

"My condolences go out to his family," Williams said of Gaber.

However, the DA said the criminal case will proceed.

"This office will not give lawyers who commit white-collar crimes a pass," Williams said. "Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime." SAM NEWHOUSE

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Neighbors testify in trial over Philly roommate slaying

Spat turned deadly. Trial will continue today for Renaldo Robichaw, accused of killing his roommate.

Neighbors and roommates were called to testify Wednesday in the trial of Renaldo Robichaw, 56, charged with murder in the death of his roommate Albert Smith, 48.

Robichaw allegedly stabbed Smith to death on Jan. 28, 2013, during an argument inside the Overbrook apartment the two men shared.

A mother and daughter who lived in the rowhouse next door on the 1600 block of North 60th Street testified separately at Robichaw's waiver trial that they both heard screams and thumping on the night of Jan. 28.

Neighbor Ann McDonald testified that she heard Robichaw, whom she knew by the nickname "Squeaky," shout, "Y'all gonna leave me the f– alone or they gonna find you dead in here."

Meanwhile, a third roommate, Kevin Parker, testified that Robichaw and Smith were arguing the night of the murder. He said he heard Robichaw call 911, then cancel the call. Parker left that night without seeing what had happened and didn't return until Wednesday, he testified.

Parker said when he returned, he suspected something was amiss, so he went to Robichaw's uncle a block away, whom he paid for rent in food stamps — although the house is listed as a Philadelphia Housing Authority property.

The uncle opened Smith's door and found his body lying in the room, Parker said. They called police, who arrived as Robichaw was trying to leave on a bicycle.

Malicious intent?

Prosecutor Lorraine Donnelly said Robichaw murdered Smith after a fight. But defense lawyer Jim Berardinelli claims there was no malice.

- "My client was not the aggressor in this case," Berardinelli said. "This was not an intentional act; he was just trying to keep the guy at bay."

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Violation

New Jersey assemblyman sues police

New Jersey Assemblyman Paul Moriarty is suing a Gloucester County police officer and the police department, alleging that the officer violated Moriarty's constitutional rights when he was arrested for alleged DWI in 2012.

In the suit, Moriarty (D-4, Washington Township) alleges that Washington Township officer Joseph DiBuonaventura violated his rights with unreasonable search and seizure, malicious prosecution and abuse of process, according to the SJ Times.

DiBuonaventura has been suspended from the police department without pay and is facing 14 criminal charges that include official misconduct and falsifying a report in connection with the stop, according to reports.

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Fishing for insects

Isa Betancourt, a curatorial assistant at the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University, conducts an insect survey in the fountain at Logan Square. Betancourt uses the fountain as a sort of insect trap, and her collection has already discovered a species that was not previously in the academy's collection of three million bugs.

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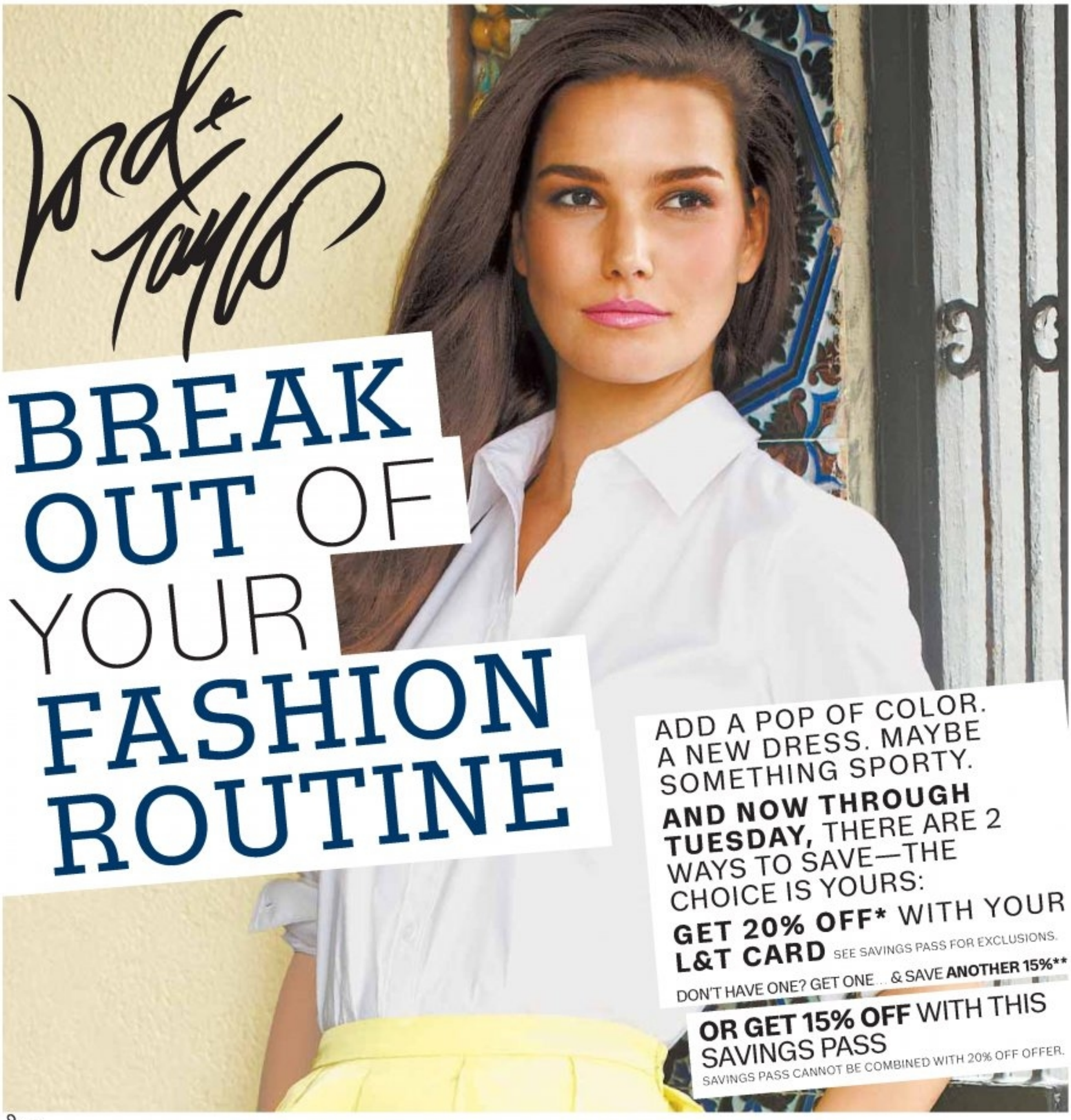
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Visitors to the Franklin Institute check out gladiator armor at the "One Day in Pompeii" exhibit, which ends Sunday.

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Mistaken ID. Police shoot deliveryman

A pizza deliveryman is in critical condition, but expected to survive, after he was shot Tuesday night in West Philadelphia by plainclothes police officers.

Police said Philippe Holland, 20, of Upper Darby, was making a delivery just as officers were responding to a report of shots fired about 10 p.m. near 51st and Willows Avenue.

Police said they yelled at Holland and identified themselves before he jumped into his car and drove toward the officers. Police said Holland may have thought the officers were attempting to rob him. Police shot the man in the head, neck and leg. METRO

State College

JoePa gets new statue

A bronze sculpture of Joe Paterno, the disgraced longtime football coach at Penn State, will be installed next year outside the Tavern Restaurant in State College, according to OnwardState.com. Paterno's statue outside Beaver Stadium was removed in 2012. METRO

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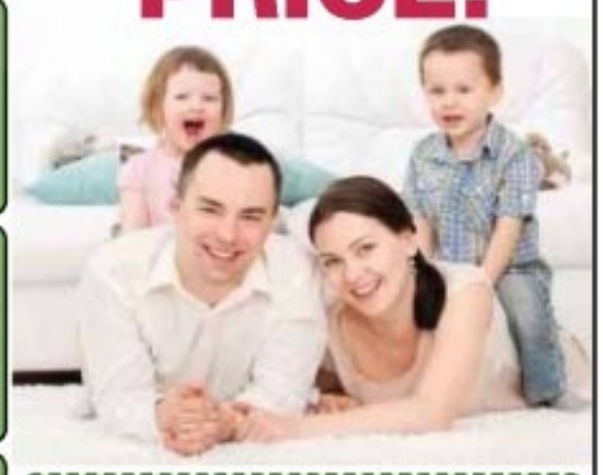

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Soldier convicted of WikiLeaks crimes granted name change

Former U.S. soldier Bradley Manning, who is serving 35 years in prison for turning over classified files to WikiLeaks, can exchange the name Bradley for Chelsea to reflect her desire to be treated as a woman, a judge in Kansas ruled on Wednesday.

Manning's name is legally changed to Chelsea Elizabeth Manning, according to the decision handed down by Leavenworth County District Judge David King. Manning will be issued a new birth certificate to reflect the name change. Manning's gender remains male, but Manning identifies as a woman.

Manning was sentenced to prison in August for violating the Espionage Act. REUTERS

Justice Department announces drug offenders clemency review

Reduced sentences. It's part of the administration's plan to reduce spending on federal prisons.

The Justice Department has guaranteed that any inmate who meets the criteria for clemency review will be offered the assistance of a pro bono attorney to prepare his or her application. / GETTY IMAGES

The U.S. Justice Department laid out new clemency guidelines on Wednesday that are expected to make thousands of drug offenders eligible for a reduction in the sentences they are currently serving.

Under the new guidelines, inmates that were sentenced under laws that have since changed, who have served at least 10 years of their sentence and are nonviolent, may be reexamined by the Justice Department and suggested to the president for clemency.

Deputy Attorney General James Cole, who announced the details of the plan, said the most obvious candidates for review were those sentenced before a 2010 law that lowered the terms for crack cocaine possession charges.

"These older, stringent punishments that are out of line with sentences imposed under today's laws erode people's confidence in our criminal justice system," Cole said at a news conference on Wednesday.

Under U.S. law, the president can reduce sentences or pardon Americans serving sentences for federal crimes, though the power has historically been used on a case-by-case basis.

Should President Barack Obama grant clemency to each new eligible inmate, the move would be an unprecedented use of clemency power. The Justice Department estimates thousands of inmates may be eligible for review.

"Although it's being done through the pardon power, it really is a kind of administrative action to make some of the newer laws retroactive," said Robert Weisberg, a law professor at Stanford University and co-director of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center. "It's almost as if they have to invent their own kind of shadow sentencing guidelines and in effect resentence certain people."

The clemency review is part of Attorney General Eric Holder's "Smart on Crime" initiative. It's a review of the criminal justice system, seeking ways to make spending on prisons more efficient by focusing on violent offenders.

Some Republicans in Congress say more lenient sentences would reverse a drop in crime seen in recent decades. REUTERS

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Snafu. NYPD Twitter campaign inundated with negative tweets

A New York Police Department campaign to burnish its image via social media instead produced a flood of pictures of apparent police brutality. They were accompanied by critical tweets and shared at a rate of thousands an hour.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton said on Wednesday he would continue and expand the NYPD Twitter campaign a day after it backfired, triggering an outpouring of negative images, including police violence at Occupy Wall Street demonstrations, an NYPD officer pointing a gun at a dog and an officer asleep in a subway car.

"The reality of policing is that oftentimes our actions are lawful, but they look awful," Bratton told a news briefing at New York City Hall.

"Most of those photos that I looked at are old news," said Bratton, appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to take over from Ray Kelly, who served for 12 years under Michael Bloomberg.

The department on Tuesday afternoon invited Twitter users to submit pictures of themselves with NYPD cops using the hashtag #mynypd, promising some would be posted to the NYPD Facebook page.

Within hours, a torrent of images depicting police brutality, violence and controversial tactics, most of which occurred under Kelly, deluged Twitter.

Some of the images and tweets referred to the fatal, controversial New York police shootings of Sean Bell in 1999 and Amadou Diallo in 1999. REUTERS

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Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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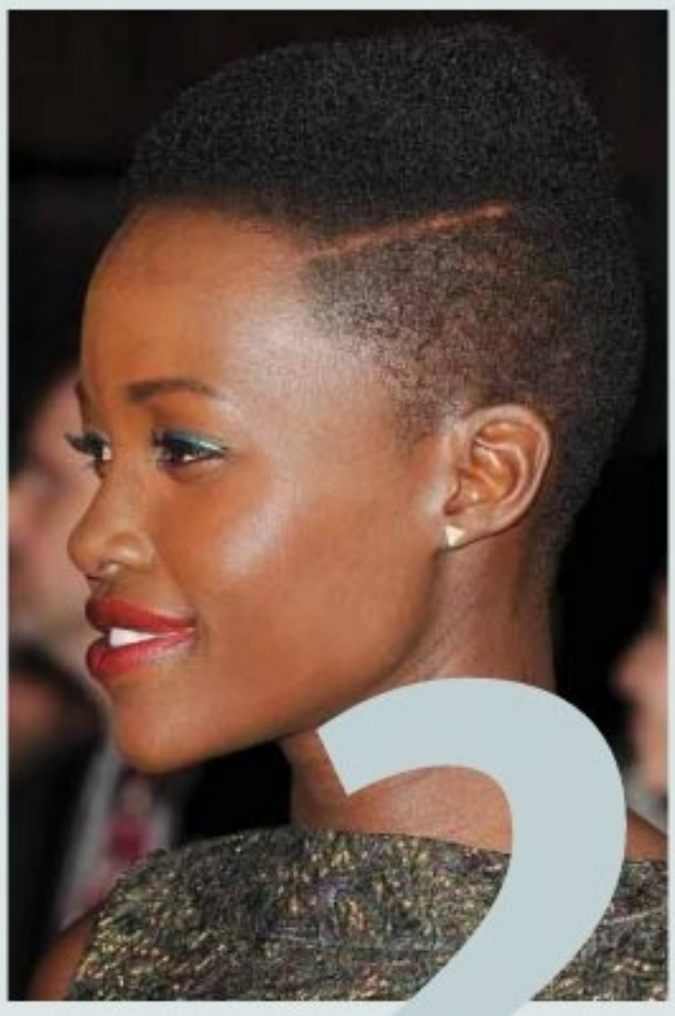
Prepon is not dating Cruise, 'kay?

Laura Prepon is laughing off rumors that she's dating fellow Scientologist Tom Cruise. "I'm flattered because I think he's hot. ... And apparently he's very gentlemanly with me," the "Orange Is the New Black" star joked with the Daily Beast during an interview.

"Apparently we get along great and he knows that I have a favorite bottle of wine that I didn't even know I had."

Prepon expressed her further disappointment with the tabloid reports during an interview with SheKnows.com, calling the story "false," for the record. And how does she know for sure that she's not dating Cruise? Because Prepon has never formally met him, which is a tough obstacle to overcome in a relationship.

Lupita Nyong'o named Most Beautiful



Congratulations to Lupita Nyong'o, officially the most beautiful human on the face of planet Earth (2014).

Nyong'o rocketed to fame in the role of Patsy in "12 Years a Slave," for which she won an Oscar. Growing up surrounded by Western images of attractiveness made it difficult to see her own beauty, she claims. "Light skin and long, flowing, straight hair," she told People, the magazine which has had the right to name the most beautiful people alive for as long as anybody can remember. "Subconsciously, you start to appreciate those things more than what you possess." MELINDA TAUB

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Oprah's ex-stepmother tells all

Oprah's ex-stepmother, Barbara Winfrey, is out for revenge. After divorcing from Oprah's father, Vernon, Barbara was pushed out of the house where she lived with Vernon — which Oprah owned. Now Barbara is retaliating with a dishy interview in the Daily Mail. Here are the best bits:

1 She claims she has never seen Oprah and her long-term boyfriend, Stedman Graham, kiss, hold hands or act romantic.

2 "If it's not more than friendship, they're giving every appearance that it is," she said about the close friendship of Oprah and Gayle King.

3 Oprah is obsessed with skin color. "It's a real thing for her. It's one of the things she liked about Stedman. He has what we call 'high yellow' skin and soft hair. ... She liked that."

4 Oprah forces everyone to sign a confidentiality agreement. "Once you're in Oprah's world, she owns you," she noted.

5 There are rumors that Vernon is not Winfrey's biological father. Barbara claims he wanted to do the DNA test, but Oprah refused. "She knows it would prove he IS her father. She can't quite believe that such a silly man could make such a magnificent creature," Barbara said.

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From athlete to opera star

Onstage. This "Don Giovanni" is a racy take on Mozart's classic.

Maybe it has something to do with living in a city whose best-loved players are the infamous Broad Street Bullies, but hockey and opera don't seem to have much in common here. Baritone Elliot Madore, who stars in the title role of Mozart's classic "Don Giovanni" at the Academy of Music, however, grew up on the ice before taking to the stage.

"Being Canadian, I guess that's what we do," says the Toronto native with a laugh. "I remember getting up at 5:30 a.m. so my grandpa could drive me to hockey practice. I took it seriously, but at some point you get realistic [about whether sports can be your career]. But I never thought that I'd have a career in opera either."

"Don Giovanni" is at the Academy of Music (240 S. Broad St.) April 25-May 4. Tickets are available at www.operaphila.org.

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Madore was a winner of the 2010 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and recently concluded a run in the ensemble at Opernhaus Zürich. "Don Giovanni" finds him returning to Philly, where he lived for five years while a student at the Curtis Institute of Music.

This production comes to Opera Philadelphia from the Cincinnati Opera, where it was directed by Nicholas Muni. It emphasizes the iconic piece's comic elements with staging that makes use of masquerades, trapdoors and mirrored panels. Madore calls the show "racy," and looks forward to offering his own take on the well-known lothario.

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Discipline

Rink lessons

"The physicality of being an athlete is very similar to being an opera singer," Madore says. "We don't use technology to amplify our voices, so everything we do goes toward making the voice as ready as possible. You have to be physically aware of everything — what you eat, how much you sleep, how much you talk. Growing up playing sports makes you very aware of your body, and I still carry that with me today."

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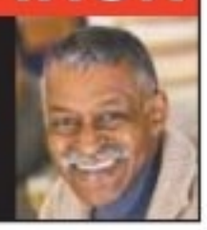

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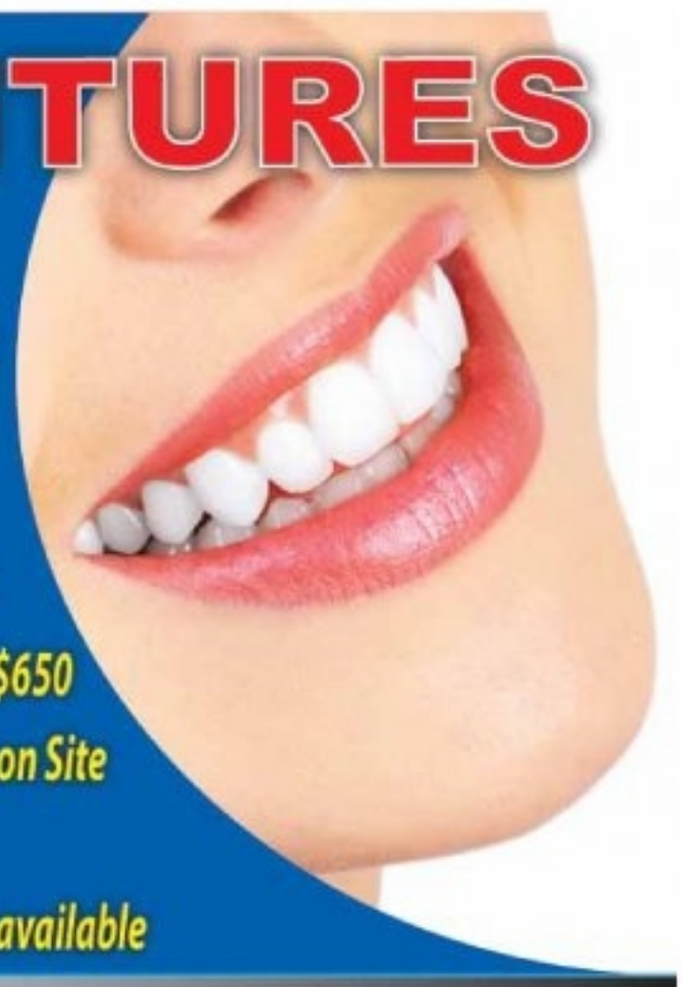
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A peek inside her makeup bag

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• Korres Yoghurt Moisturizing Mask: "Let this soak overnight and by the time you wake up your skin feels like a baby's bottom."

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Candice Accola: If not for aging, 'I'd buy more wine'

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Drugstore lashes are this vampire's cheap beauty trick. / KATE ROMERO

Girl-next-door. In real life, the "Vampire Diaries" star is a regular girl who's not that into running, used to have a unibrow and eats chicken wings.

Candice Accola takes a break from playing a blood-sucking teenager to talk us through her beauty routine:

Cleansing rituals

Morning-after tip

Dealing with hangovers

Anyone claiming to have a miracle hangover cure is just full of it. I just take a hot shower to steam my skin back to life, put on a lot of eye cream and wear really big sunglasses.

I take my makeup off with Boscia Makeup-Breakup Cool Cleansing Oil, which is really gentle. In the morning, I just splash on some toner and add a little bit of lotion under my eyes.

Beauty icons

Cate Blanchett and Tilda Swinton are my beauty icons. They have such luminous skin and beautiful cheekbones. I think it's tragic that so many girls bake themselves in tanning beds.

Mourning her unibrow

When I was in middle school a boy on the bus told me I had a unibrow. I went home and tweezed my eyebrows so much they never really grew back.

Being ageless

My character, Caroline, is a vampire, so she doesn't age. I'd save a lot of money on beauty products and buy more wine if growing old weren't an issue. But I have a pretty healthy balance and don't deprive myself. I'm not into running or zen yoga — I need a high-energy class such as spinning or ballet barre. If I'm not eating chicken wings, it's probably because I ate some during the weekend at a ball game.

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Beauty. Your skin's new favorite ingredient is in your home

Dieters rely on grapefruit to cleanse their bodies, but the fruit's topical properties should not be ignored. Grapefruit can detoxify the skin, making it as dewy as spring grass.

Celebrity facialist Joanna Vargas incorporates the fruit into her Grapefruit Detox Cleanse, available now for $50 during Spa Week (after that, it's $250). It starts with a peel, then Vargas' all-natural Vitamin C Face Wash and Exfoliating Mask, which tightens pores and adds a boost of brightness to skin.

After extractions (if you so choose to have them), Vargas applies a grapefruit, honey and mandarin mask designed to hydrate. It ends with an oxygen treatment to boost collagen production.

If you can't get in to see the facialist or don't want to splurge, you can make an at-home face scrub incorporating the seasonal ingredient. MEREDITH ENGEL

JOANNA VARGAS TREATS CELEBS LIKE CHARLIZE THERON AND ALLISON WILLIAMS. / SKYE PARROTT

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Ever wondered how your sex life compares to everyone else's? A new app that helps you keep track of how much action you're getting and gives you the option of sharing the details with the rest of the world could be just the thing for you.

The latest step in the online sharing trend, an app called Nipple lets users keep track of the most intimate details of their sexual encounters, right down to what position they enjoyed, if any toys came into play and whether they reached orgasm or not.

Users can rate their experiences and even note down details such as the names and preferences of different partners, so they never need to find themselves in awkward situations again.

Those who need quantifiable evidence of their skills can create diagrams monitoring how their own performance in bed evolves over time.

Users can choose to remain anonymous or share the details of their extracurricular activities with others via social media. The profiles of the three most active public users are published weekly on the website.

In an aim to encourage people to be more open when talking about sex, users are awarded "nipple points" for inputting intimate details via the site. AFP

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Laurel, the Nick Elmi endeavor that opened late last year, will also participate for the first time.
Chef Townsend Wentz is opening a new eatery on the Avenue and will offer a taste of things to come at the festival. His namesake restaurant will open soon in the former Sophia's spot (which was formerly Salt and Pepper). See? Never stagnant.

Hot on the Avenue

Eat. At Flavors of the Avenue, sample Philly's favorite foodie strip.

Get ready to treat your taste buds. / PHOTOS COURTESTY EAST PASSYUNK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

East Passyunk's flourishing food scene is never stagnant. If you've already bought your tickets, get a taste of the best dishes from every hot EP restaurant Saturday at the annual Flavors of the Avenue festival — and make sure not to miss these three tables. For the unlucky souls not holding tickets to the sold-out fest, maybe you can stand outside the tent and hope someone takes pity (or just make dinner reservations).

Will BYOB

Nothing says springtime quite like fresh peas. For the festival, this French-style restaurant will offer English pea velouté, a bright and creamy chilled soup. Will BYOB has been popular since its opening in 2012. Once you taste the delicate yet complex velouté, you'll understand what all the fuss is about.
1911 E. Passyunk Ave., 215-271-7683, www.willbyob.com

Le Virtù and Brigantessa

Le Virtù is another gem that everyone you know is raving about. Oh what, you haven't made it over there yet? We don't know what the holdup is, but chances are that will change after you taste the porchetta. The festival will also offer a chance to sample from the forthcoming Brigantessa, the casual spin off of Le Virtù with a loose opening date of mid-summer.
1927 E. Passyunk Ave., 215-271-5626, www.levirtu.com

Expect a hungry crowd at Flavors.

Go north

Noord owners Bob Moysan and Chef Joncarl Lachman

Noord

This Dutch and Scandinavian-inspired restaurant, which is just a few weeks shy of its first birthday, has been the talk of the town. If you haven't gone for dinner yet, make your reservations soon. In the meantime, try not to knock old ladies down at the festival when you're fighting to get a bitterballen: a fried pork meatball with a perfect crunch outside and a tender, protein-packed inside.
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Hot chef. Valerie Erwin follows the mantra of doing one thing well.

Chef Valerie Erwin of Geechee Girl Cafe lists rhubarb and peas among her favorite spring ingredients. / RICARDO BARROS

Venture out to Mt. Airy and you'll find a stretch of Germantown Avenue with a foodie scene of its own, including Geechee Girl Cafe (6825 Germantown Ave., 215-843-8113), a low-country, rice-centric restaurant. We spoke with owner and chef Valerie Erwin while she was prepping for the dinner rush.

What made you bring low country food to Mt. Airy?
When I was first thinking of opening a restaurant, I drew up a business plan. I was talking to another friend — she was someone who was in the industry for a while — and she suggested making just one thing, one type of food. I was talking to my sister and she said, "You know, we could call it Geechee Girl and do rice." And that's how it all started.

Does your sister work with you?
She does. I have three other sisters who work with me various amounts.

What are people missing when they pass on the Mt. Airy dining scene?
Even though we get citywide coverage, I think we get lost in the mix compared to the places downtown. But there's a really good mix of restaurants. There's Avenida and the Trolley Car Diner. I think there's a good variety in a small space, and they're all reasonably priced. There are things that make Mt. Airy stand out, like the food co-op. People are really interested in sustainability. Our restaurant belongs to Fair Food, for instance.

Ivy League

You graduated from Princeton with a poli-sci degree. How did you end up as a chef and restaurateur?
I was always interested in cooking. From the time that I was six or seven, I remember making dinner. But I didn't think of it as a career path. My first job in a restaurant was supposed to be a temporary thing — or so I thought.

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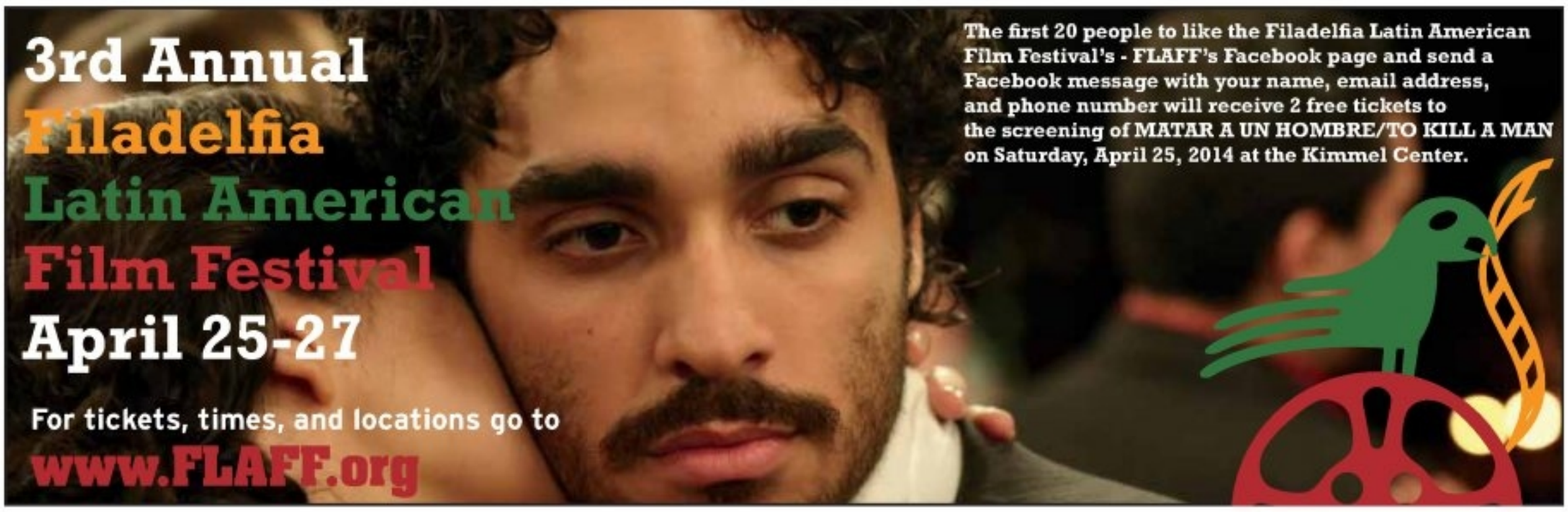
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Horoscope

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Don't get drawn into any arguments. Even though things may not work out as planned, you should accept the changes. Compromise.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You are on an upward trend right now, so enjoy the ride. If you take advantage of your experience, nothing will hold you back.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Mull over an investment, but don't wait until it's too late to make your move. Be prepared to make the choice that is most likely to benefit both you and your family.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your goals need adjustment. Be receptive to new ideas, and make a change if you want to feel better about your direction.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Your leadership qualities will help you gain control. You will attract individuals who want to support your plans.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You can gain valuable insight if you include youngsters or seniors in your plans. Opt for a creative outlet that will let you use your teaching skills.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Don't get overwhelmed by your long list of chores or responsibilities. Negative thinking will only slow you down.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Ditch your regular routine in favor of something different. A day trip will spark new concerns as well as a solution.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Your curiosity and adaptability will lead to favorable changes in your life. Head in a new direction, and you will be applauded for your ideas.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You will be respected for your opinions if you have the courage to speak out. Your clarity and vision will draw attention.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Adjust to the necessities of a demanding situation. A small respite will help recharge your batteries.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Get involved in a cause and interact with interesting people. You will fare best with a serious-minded group striving to implement positive social change. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

The writing on the wall

Re: 'Tori Spelling is milking this whole affair thing' (Metro, April 23) So in order not to be a "fame-hungry bloodsucker who will sell a devastating event from [her life] to the highest bidder," Tori Spelling should suffer in silence? Consider having no outlet to release the embarrassment and the humiliation like most of us do.
CHARLES RAMIREZ, VIA EMAIL

Tori Spelling took Dean from his wife, so what goes around comes around. It's called karma. Why did she think that with her ugly self and no talent that he wouldn't cheat on her? She deserves what she is getting.
MADELINE JONES-JENKINS, VIA EMAIL

Kids don't learn from special toys

Re: 'Parenting without stereotypes' (Metro, April 22) There's no such thing as a "gender-neutral" upbringing. Behavior is learned mostly by example. The different personalities and interests of mom and dad inevitably shape the gender-role perceptions of their children — regardless of what toys or sermons the kids are given. The best example you can set is to be comfortable with who you are and respectful of others who are different.
KIM DE RIEL, VIA EMAIL

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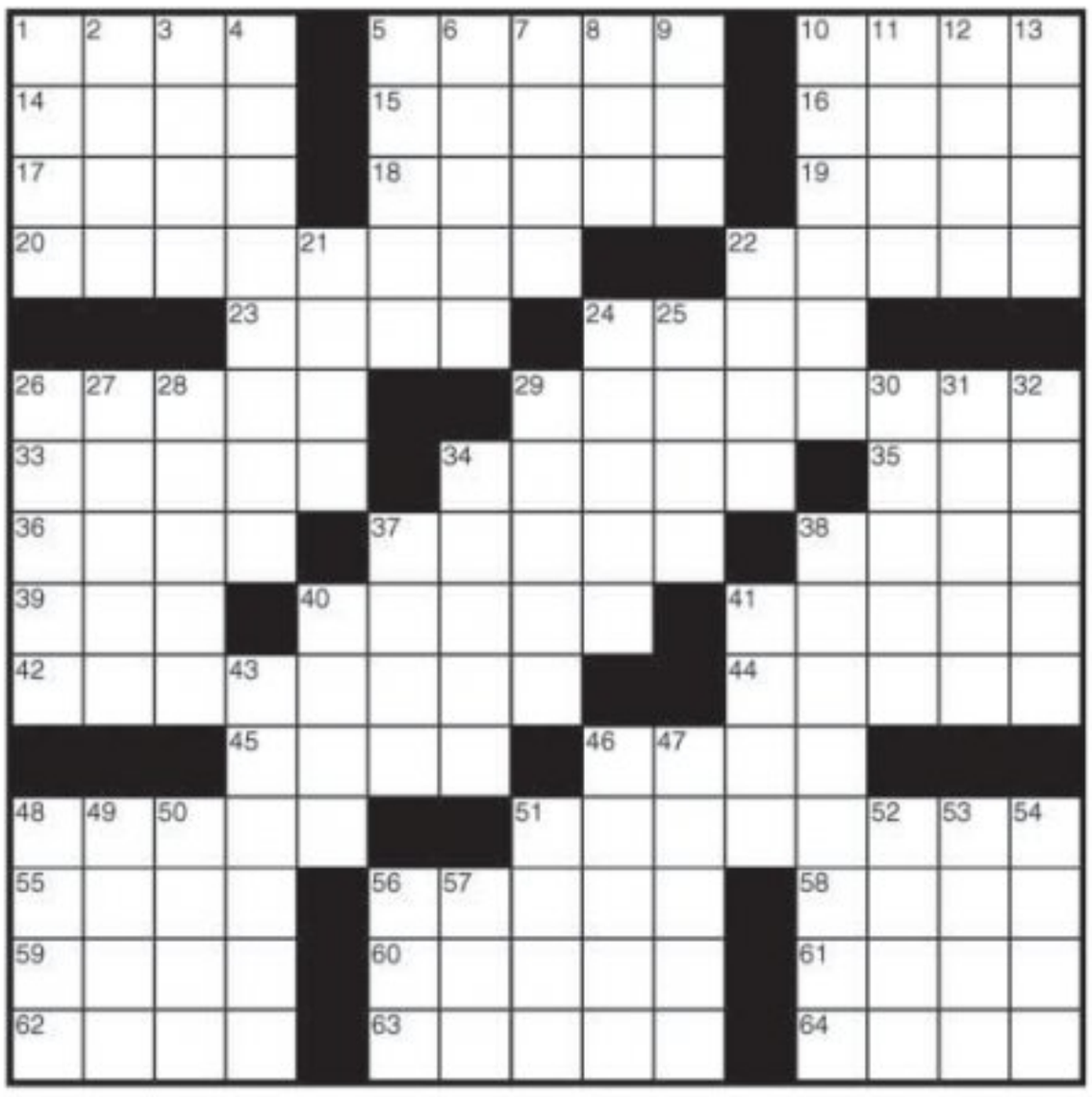

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3 SPORTS

Breakout star

Dragic wins most improved

Phoenix Suns guard Goran Dragic's breakout 2013-14 season helped him win the NBA's Most Improved Player Award Wednesday. Dragic, a Euro league veteran, posted a solid 14.7 points per game in 2012-13. He became an unlikely star this season, averaging 20.3 points per game — 17th in the NBA.

Flyers need much more from Giroux

NHL. The Rangers have successfully shut down the Flyers' captain so far, and now lead 2-1 in the best-of seven series.

Claude Giroux led the Flyers with 86 points, third most in the NHL. / GETTY IMAGES

If Claude Giroux really is an elite forward in the NHL, it might be time for him to start making an impact on the ice.

With the Flyers trailing the Rangers 2-1 in the series, Giroux had his first two shots on goal of the entire playoffs in Game 3's 4-1 loss Tuesday night.

And though he had an assist on Mark Streit's goal in that game, the Rangers defense has really kept the Flyers' leading scorer quiet.

"I think Giroux worked really hard," Flyers coach Craig Berube said, "and I think he got a few shots, but I think with the power plays and stuff, they have to be better. And they will be better."

The Flyers' typically potent power play was silent Tuesday, going 0-for-5, with Giroux and the six other 20-goal scorers unable to get anything going against Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist.

"He's a good goalie," Giroux said. "We knew that coming in the series. We just need to keep shooting the puck, and they're going to start going in."

Giroux was also the recipient of two cheap shots, one coming from former Flyers enforcer Daniel Carcillo, each giving the Flyers a power play chance.

It's clear the Rangers defense is singling out Giroux. The Flyers must now find a way to get him in the mix, or open things up for his teammates.

"We'll be ready for Game 4," Giroux said. "We're going to tie up this series and go back to New York. We just have to stay confident. That's why it's the playoffs. It's exciting. We're going to come off even better in Game 4."

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Block party

Flyers can't solve Rangers shot blockers

The Rangers blocked a remarkable 28 Flyers' shots Tuesday night.

The Flyers also had 20 shots not reach the net against New York in the 4-1 loss, in addition to the 32 shots on goal flung at Henrik Lundqvist by the Flyers offense.

Clearly, it's a problem of quality versus quantity, and the Flyers need to improve their looks at the net.

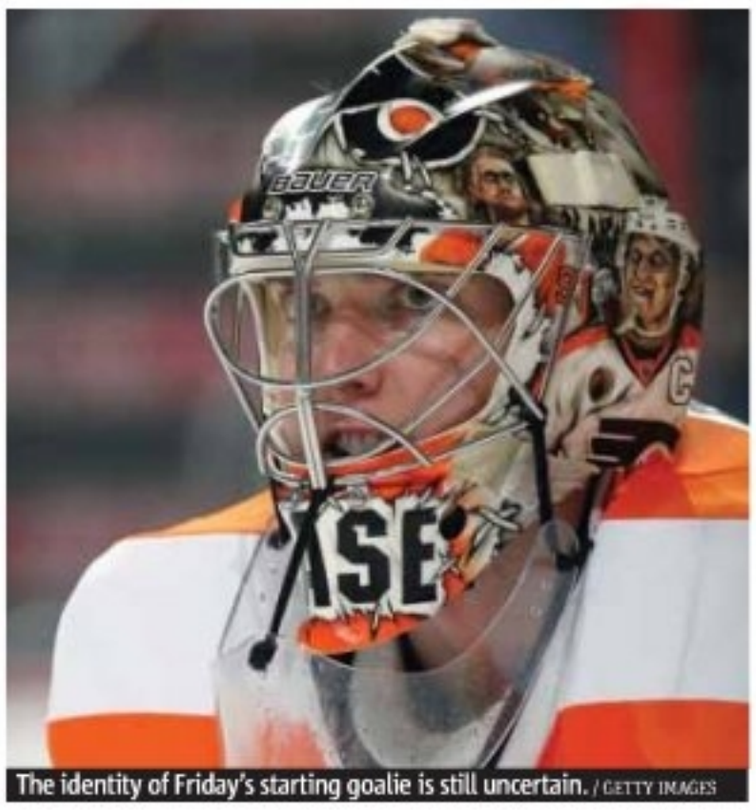
"Quicker puck movement and a little more deception," coach Craig Berube mentioned as possible solutions. "You can't just one-time it all the time. You have to fake it and get them moving through. You have [Wayne] Simmonds and [Scott] Hartnell at the net, big guys who are good with their sticks. They have done a good job all year of finding pucks and putting them in."

Some of the blame falls on the Flyers attack, but the Rangers defense deserves credit as well.

"Their D, they go on one knee a lot to cover more of the net," Mark Streit said, "but that's an opportunity, too. If they go down on one knee they can't move."

EVAN MACY

NHL. All signs point to Mason starting as goalie for Game 4



The identity of Friday's starting goalie is still uncertain. / GETTY IMAGES

A half-empty Wells Fargo Center stirred — just a little bit — midway through the third period Tuesday night.

Though the Flyers fate was already sealed after a Daniel Carcillo shot got past goalie Ray Emery to make the score 4-1, head coach Craig Berube elected to insert Steve Mason in net for the final minutes of Game 3.

"It's good to get back out there," Mason said. "I haven't played in, I guess, almost two weeks or so, and it was nice to get my feet wet again, and I look forward to maybe the next game."

The simple fact that Mason was dressed and ready to go implies he's healthy enough to go in Friday's Game 4.

And after Emery's magic ran out, it seems almost a foregone conclusion Mason will start.

"Yeah, I think that's what [Berube] was trying to do," Mason said. "Like I said, it's been awhile since I've had some game action. You can practice as much as you want, but once the game rolls around, things happen quickly and you can't control everything out there. So it was good to get back out and get the eight or so minutes under my belt."

But, not so fast. Berube, following the loss, was adamant that he had not made his decision yet and would not make one until the team practiced on Wednesday and Thursday in preparation for Friday night's home game.

"We'll look at it," Berube said. "We have a couple days to figure it out, get some practice time and then I'll make a decision." EVAN MACY

Draft day 2014

Bettman praises Philly prior to hosting draft

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman visited Philadelphia for the Rangers-Flyers playoff game Tuesday, and took some time to discuss the upcoming NHL draft, which will take place June 27-28 at the Wells Fargo Center.

"Philadelphia, from the outset, has always been a terrific hockey town," Bettman said.

Bettman cited more than 14,000 kids playing on more than 50 rinks in the greater Philadelphia area, crediting Flyers owner Ed Snider for his commitment to making Philadelphia an area that loves its hockey.

"When you look at the entry of youngsters, our new players, the future of the league coming into the draft, what better place than Philadelphia?" Bettman said. "What better place than this magnificent building? And quite frankly, with the hockey enthusiasm here, and the ability to hold major events in Philadelphia, we thought it was a natural fit." EVAN MACY

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Marquee national games

Here's a look at some of the other games we'll be watching:

- **Thanksgiving madness** Aside from the Eagles-Cowboys game, the Bears face the Lions and the 49ers face the Seahawks.
- **Manning vs Luck, Brady** Peyton Manning (and the Denver Broncos) will face his old team, the Colts, and his replacement Andrew Luck in Week 1, and then old rival Tom Brady and the Patriots in Week 9.

NFL. The Eagles will spend Thanksgiving in Dallas in 2014

The Eagles have an impressive, challenging and exciting schedule in 2014.

The biggest highlight is undoubtedly the Eagles traveling to Dallas for a 4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving date with the Cowboys.

They also have an impressive four prime-time games, the first coming against the Colts on Monday Night Football in Week 2.

They will take on the Giants under the lights at Lincoln Financial Field for a Sunday night match in Week 6, the Panthers on Monday night in Week 10 and the Cowboys on Sunday night in Week 15.

The Week 15 matchup will mark the second Eagles-Cowboys game in less than two weeks.

The Birds start the schedule off with the Jaguars, a simple kickoff to the year. DeSean Jackson won't have to wait long to make his return to Philly, the Eagles will take on the Redskins at home during Week 3.

The prominent placement of the Eagles in prime time and on Thanksgiving is a good sign that the networks believe the Birds will be a big draw, and be competitive in 2014.

EVAN MACY

JEREMY MACLIN SHOULD BE BACK FROM INJURY THIS SEASON.

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Eagles schedule 2014

- Week 1: vs. Jaguars
- Week 2: at Colts Monday Night Football
- Week 3: vs Redskins
- Week 4: at 49ers
- Week 5: vs. Rams
- Week 6: vs. Giants Sunday Night Football
- Week 7: Bye
- Week 8: at Cardinals
- Week 9: at Texans
- Week 10: vs. Panthers Monday Night Football
- Week 11: at Packers
- Week 12: vs. Titans
- Week 13: at Cowboys Thanksgiving Day
- Week 14: vs. Seahawks
- Week 15: vs. Cowboys Sunday Night Football
- Week 16: at Redskins
- Week 17: at Giants

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Arch strength

The Diamondbacks know they have something very special on their hands in 21-year-old starter Archie Bradley. They don't even want to call him up and subject him to the poison that is their 5-18 record. But once late May comes around and he's no longer eligible for Super 2 status, that stance will have to change. Bradley had a 1.84 ERA with 162 strikeouts in 152 innings last year.

Pole position

The hottest player in the minors also happens to be one of the game's top hitting prospects. Through 18 games with Triple-A Indianapolis, Gregory Polanco is hitting .419 with three homers, 20 RBIs and three steals. Travis Snider is handling himself reasonably well at the major league level for now, but the Pirates have to know they could get a big upgrade by promoting Polanco. Expect him in the majors by June at the latest.

Youth movement

The Astros wasted no time calling up mega-prospect George Springer, as he debuted on April 16 this season. If they're truly committed to a rebuild, they'll hurry up and get Jonathan Singleton in Houston as well. The left-handed first baseman already has eight homers while hitting .325 through 91 Triple-A at-bats this season and Marc Krauss is predictably flubbing.

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NFL stock

Upgrade these guys based on recent news in the NFL:

- **Mike Wallace, WR, Dolphins** — New OC Bill Lazor is going to focus on Wallace, not banish him to clear-out routes a la Mike Sherman.
- **Christine Michael, RB, Seahawks** — Dynasty owners must note that Marshawn Lynch is a good bet to be cut in 2015.

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A petition having been duly filed by Frank B. Iacovangelo. Esq. who is domiciled at 10 Autumn Wood, Rochester, New York 14624, United States.

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Dr. Feldstein earned his doctorate in osteopathic medicine at PCOM in 1981. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at the Medical Center of Delaware and his internship at JFK Hospital in Stratford, New Jersey. He is board certified in emergency medicine and occupational medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. After practicing emergency medicine for 10 years, Dr. Feldstein founded Spectacare Occupational Health Services where he served as President and Medical Director. Since that time, he has held executive positions in healthcare management at Occupational Health Resources, Concerta Health Center and Aetna. Currently, Dr. Feldstein is President, Northern Division, Pennsylvania Managed Care Plans at AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies.

"Dr. Feldstein holds an impressive record of success in healthcare management," states PCOM Board Chairman Paul McGloin. "He is a man of remarkable scope and accomplishment and I, and the rest of the Board, are looking forward to working together to continue to advance our College's instructional, research, and service missions."

"I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and the members of the search committee for the honor to serve as the next President and CEO of my alma mater," says Dr. Feldstein. "I am truly humbled by the opportunity to build on the legacy of PCOM's history and mission. This is a dream come true both professionally and personally."

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